

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-140 and 142-149 are allowed.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest reasonable prior art to the instant application does not disclose a shockwave treatment system and method which also includes an ultrasound transmit/receive unit configured to monitor an area of interest during treatment via an evaluation unit which determines the effectiveness of the treatment through correlation coefficients derived from the ultrasound data.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOEL LAMPRECHT whose telephone number is (571)272-3250. The examiner can normally be reached between 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian L. Casler can be reached on 571-272-4956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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